

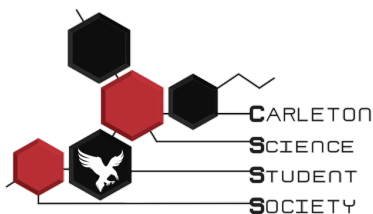
CSSS Semi Annual General Meeting: November 30, 2020

Meeting commences: 6:05 PM on Monday, November 30, 2020

Chair: Millie Close

Attendance:

- Abhi Kurusetty
- Anjali Patel
- Apira Chandrakumar
- Carol Alhurira
- Emilia Perez
- Emily Pope
- Emma Khazzam
- Giselle Beckford
- Greg Dance
- Holly Brown
- Irbaz Rehman
- Jessica Rackal
- Kathleen Weary
- Lauren Butterfield
- Mackenzie Huckvale
- Malak Al Daraawi
- Mandi Highfield
- Melody Li
- Millie Close
- Morgan Campbell
- Morgan Joly
- Nat Chan
- Nicky Junilla Ineza
- Oluebube Okafor
- Raven Miller
- Riley Screamton
- Sarah Ivanco
- Sarita Cuadros Sanchez
- Tara Lepine
- Tiffany Lau
- Yolanda Yip



Item 1. Announcements and Correspondence

- The CSSS is committed to equity, inclusivity and diversity. All members of the CSSS must uphold these values.
- Introduction from Millie, the president of the CSSS.
- Comments and Questions: None.

Item 2. Approval of Past Minutes from November 2, 2020

- Moved by: Emily Pope
- Seconded: Irbaz Rehman
- Motion passes unanimously.

Item 3. Approval of the Agenda

- Moved by: Greg Dance
- Seconded: Tara Lepine
- Motion passes unanimously.

Item 4. Vice President Reports

- Vice President Communications – Emily Pope
 - Revamp of the Carleton Science Student Society brand by creating a new logo and brand-new website. The website is very functional. Go check it out!
 - Increased cross-platform (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) outreach by increasing number of followers (+400) and interactions
 - The communications team promotes events and communicates initiatives to the public. They make the visuals for everyone to see.
 - They have increased the accessibility of social media posts by monitoring the contrast of colors for the graphics. Additionally, they have been using the all-text function on Twitter.
 - The communications team advertised the hiring of peripheral executives and election of departmental representatives and societal representatives.
 - Communications team makes the visuals for everyone to see
 - Monthly wins – a series of posts so that everyone can see what the CSSS is up to. This is good for transparency.
 - STEM Day Series – goal is to keep everyone up to date on what is going on in science.
 - Comments and Questions: None.

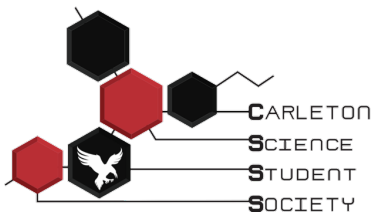


b. Vice President External – Holly Brown

- Got the brand-new SciSoc blog started!
- Whole VP External portfolio is new – it is the first time for everything.
- Got the brand-new SciSoc blog started! It is going well. There are three posts up and one more coming soon. There will be a new one every month to keep everyone up to date.
- Responsible for outreach with other departmental clubs and societies. Holly has been meeting with all their presidents about once a month to facilitate connections and help promote each other's events.
- The External team is doing great work with the blog and sponsorships for the formal.
- Would have hired an Ontario Science Games Captain, but the event was cancelled
- Ensuring all science societies and clubs at Carleton are represented on council
- Comments and Questions: None.

c. Vice President Operations – Sarita Cuadros-Sanchez

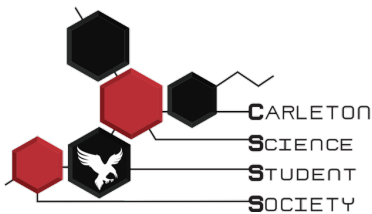
- Created and approved a proposed budget for the 2020-21 year. It is published on the website. It was sent to the Office of Dean of Science to read it over and see expectations regarding financial matters.
- Created reimbursement forms to keep track of all expenses. Reimbursements have already started.
- The Science Community Fund:
 - o Starting tomorrow, December 1st
 - o Sarita introduces Ryan. Ryan speaks about the Science Community Fund.
 - o The Science Community Fund opens tomorrow, December 1st, until the end of March.
 - o Check out the SciSoc website for the link to the application form. It is found at the bottom of the page.
 - o Departmental societies can apply for up to \$300.
 - o The application is a simple process. You apply through a Google Form. If accepted, you will receive an email within 7 days. A cheque will then be issued for your event/project.
 - o We are encouraging virtual events or projects that contribute to fostering a science community at Carleton.
 - o We encourage all departmental societies to apply for the Science Community Fund because it's a great opportunity.



- Banking operations at Scotiabank. New cheques have been ordered.
 - Set up online PayPal account so everyone can buy their Neon Gala tickets
 - For tax specific information: a lot of research was done regarding tax information. We want to ensure that we follow all regulations.
 - We now have access to 70% of our levy.
 - We have established an income/expense tracking system to make sure every cent is tracked, balanced and well managed.
 - Comments and Questions: None.
- d. Vice President Academic – Abhi Kurusetty
- Academic integrity campaign:
 - o With the onset of COVID-19, there was a huge spike in academic integrity cases, so we launched an informative campaign on the academic integrity policy at Carleton. You can find this on the SciSoc website.
 - o Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section
 - o Videos – There are two videos uploaded on the SciSoc website:
 - (1) What is Academic Integrity?
 - (2) Run through of academic integrity case process
 - What to do if you are accused.
 - Currently making a third video: (3) What constitutes cheating?
 - o Flow chart detailing academic integrity case process at Carleton
 - Over \$12000 that we are giving in the form of scholarships to Faculty of Science Students. The Awards Committee is currently looking for members. Duties include reading the applications that come in, deciding who wins.
 - Monthly advocacy campaigns
 - o Advocate for various science causes
 - o Next one should be posted tomorrow, December 1, 2020
 - o Posted on the Science Society website
 - CASG
 - o Abhi is the Science Rep Coordinator, responsible for getting all the councillors to go to CASG meetings
 - Comments and Questions: None.
- e. Vice President Internal – Sarah Ivanco
- Organizing meetings; planning and coordinating
 - What has been done:



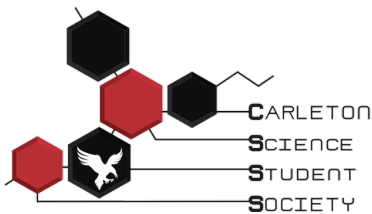
- This summer, we (Sarah, Millie, Max) reviewed the CSSS Constitution and Bylaws
 - Departmental representative elections
 - Hiring first year reps after the departmental representative elections
 - Sarah is responsible for planning and preparing for all society meetings
 - Currently, in the process of creating One Sheet system on different policies and protocols within the Carleton Science Student Society
 - Sarah, Millie, Max, Yumna
 - Making breakdowns/reviews of the constitution so that it is easier to understand for those who don't have background experience with policies
 - It will be accessible for those who want to run for positions in the future but don't know all the rules
 - Making one sheets for all of the executive positions for everyone who is coming in next year
 - Comments and Questions: None.
- f. Vice President Programming – Emma Khazzam
- There were two wellness directors facilitating Summer Wellness Week
 - Bi-weekly wellness Wednesdays where each one focusses on a different theme
 - There are little giveaways, so make sure you interact!
 - I Love Science Week – where different science societies got to show case who they are and what they do.
 - Latin American heritage month was October! During Latin American heritage month, the CSSS showcased different Latin American cultures throughout the month of October.
 - Hosted a Friends trivia night where lots of peripheral executives were hosts.
 - Hosted a Mole Movie Marathon where we watched three movies and talked about them.
 - Halloween Treats
 - Emma showed everyone how to bake Halloween treats
 - Games night (weekly starting in Novemeber)
 - The first ever games night was lots of fun.
 - Happens every week on Thursdays
 - May dial it down a bit as we approach exams
 - Pride in STEM movie night -- Watched the Invitation Game
 - Planning the neon gala
 - Started advertising with help from the Communications Team



- Special events director, Morgan, is focussing on that
- The Neon Gala is a three-day event at the end of January
- It replaces the annual formal (dance and dinner)
- Two guest speakers that were revealed tonight, November 30, 2020
 - Lab Shenanigans
 - Science communicator
 - Makes science and lab work sound fun and interesting
 - ASAP Science
 - Incredible Canadians
 - Showcase how to make science fun and inclusive
- All proceeds of the Neon Gala go to charity
- Tickets will be on sale on Friday, November 4, 2020
 - Early bird price is \$5, then \$10
- Please post about the Neon Gala on your social medias!
- Comments and Questions: None.

Item 5. President Report

- Worked with faculty and dean's office to address student workload concerns
 - Address students concerns more efficiently
 - Compiled analysis of informal feedback from council, SSSC mentors and science departmental executives
- Millie meets with chairs and directors monthly
- Working with VPs to coordinate the high-level planning for Academic Integrity campaign, fail forwards, accessible constitution and one sheets, helped support brand refresh
 - Met with several people from the Dean's Office to make sure we got everything correct (everything has been approved by the Dean's Office regarding academic integrity campaign)
 - Working with Sarah to make constitution as accessible as possible
- If you're thinking of running for an executive position, talk to an executive before hand
- Designed the structure that supports the peripheral executives as well as the hiring process
 - This is the first year we have had this many people as part of the executive team and it is going well.



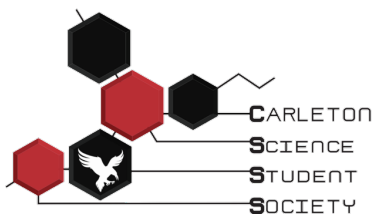
- We will be releasing surveys to all of the people involved in council to receive feedback
- Worked with elections team
 - Continue to work together to make sure election procedures are well implemented
 - Will begin promoting elected positions at the Neon Gala
- Hoping to have info sessions about council to get people talking and asking questions
- We got our first Levy cheque. This is exciting because the council last year worked very hard to host the referendum. We worked with Sarita, VP Operations, and university administration to facilitate the smooth transfer of funds.
- Comments and Questions: None.

Item 6. Senate Update

- Millie is the Faculty of Science Undergraduate Senator
 - This is not a position affiliated with the Carleton Science Student Society.
 - Have questions? Ask Millie.
 - Elections are around February/March.
- At the senate meeting last Friday, the Senate approved the use of 0.5 SAT/UNSAT designation on your transcript in the Winter term in addition to the Fall term.
- CASG is working with senate committee to implement grade reform practices.
 - CASG President Matt is great at consulting all faculties.
 - It looks like it is going in a positive direction.
- Comments and Questions: None.

Item 7. OSSA Update

- Had a meeting with Ontario Science Students' Association
- Summer Student Business Meeting 2021
 - We will have an activity director and team picked out this week.
 - We will start planning in January.
- The OSSA Leadership conference will likely be online as well. Stay tuned.
- Holly is our board member on the Ontario Science Students' Association
- Check out their social media.
- Comments and Questions:



- Millie: Part of the reason we had a referendum last year was because we were one of the only Science Societies with a \$1300 budget. The OSSA was very helpful.

Item 8. Constituency Reports

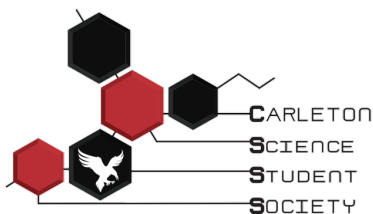
- Carleton University Biology Society – Riley Screaton
 - The Carleton University Biology Society is hosting two events every week for BioBites. BioBites are hour long zoom meeting with professors in the biology department at Carleton U. They come and chat about their academics, research, etc. BioBites are very informal and also a cool way to interact with professors.
 - Comments and Questions:
 - Millie: When is the next one?
 - Riley: Tomorrow, December 1st, 2020 at 1pm.
 - Riley: Check out CUBS website for more info: www.cubiologysociety.ca
- Carleton Chemistry and Biochemistry Society – Irbaz Rehman
 - Among Us Game Night – Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020 at 9:00PM. Everyone is welcome. Please join discord around 9:00PM. Participants will be put into different rooms.
 - Speaker Series: The CCBS has hosted a speaker series. There have been two speakers:
 - (1) Dr. Ken Storey in October
 - (2) Lucas Dirienzo in November. Lucas talked about the med school application process and gave advice for pre-med students.
 - The next guest in the Speaker Series will be in January.
 - The CCBS will release merch in the next few months.
 - Comments and Questions: None.

Item 9. Motions

- Motion to Approve Earth Science Departmental Representative

Presentation Summary

Whereas according to Section 2, Article 3 of the CSSS Constitution all those elected shall assume office immediately after final election results are submitted to the Council until the end of the academic year on April 30th 23:59.



Whereas at the first council meeting it was approved that the VP Internal and President may appoint individuals to vacant seats

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Be it resolved that the following faculty members fill the corresponding seats:

Earth Science Representative: Gavin Woodburn

- Moved by: Sarah Ivanco
- Seconded: Tara Lepine
- Motion passes unanimously.

b. Motion to Amend Section of the Carleton Science Student Society Constitution

Presentation Summary

Whereas in Section 5.9 of the CSSS Constitution it states “Student group funding and student initiative funding combined can never be less than 30% of the entire CSSS operating expenses”

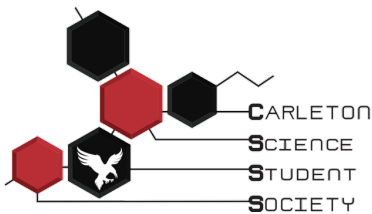
Whereas this may be vague or difficult to interpret;

Whereas the Science Community Fund is currently a fixed fund as it is a partnership with the Office of the Dean of Science;

Information Transfer

Be it resolved more context is added so that Section 5.9 will now read “The Science Community Fund, student awards, student initiative funding, prizes or giveaways for students at large, student support funding, combined should never be less than 30% of the entire CSSS operating expenses. A minimum of 30% of the operating budget must be directly reinvested to the students at large unless otherwise voted on at a society council meeting”

- Moved by: Millie Close
- Seconded by: Nat Chan



- Motion passes unanimously.

c. Council vote on Neon Gala charity

Whereas The CSSS council will be supporting 1 of the 3 following charities for the Neon Gala this year:

1. Let's Talk Science
2. Actua Canada
3. STEM Fellowship

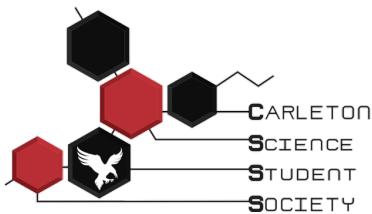
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Be it resolved the charity with the most votes (results below) will be the charity we support for The Neon Gala.

Let's Talk Science
Actua Canada
STEM Fellowship

Comments and Questions:

- Millie: This is not a formal motion. Any of the students at large can join the speaker list if they would like.
- Holly: Introducing Raven to speak about Let's Talk Science.
- Raven: Let's Talk Science is an award winning, national, charitable organization. Let's Talk Science is a Canadian organization that engages Canadian Youth in STEM related activities and helps them think creatively. One of the things that they do locally is bring university student volunteers into classrooms to teach children about specific STEM related topics. This year, volunteers from Carleton, uOttawa and other locations across Canada are doing this virtually from home. Let's Talk Science helped run the Butterfly Show at Carleton. Since 1993, they have impacted more than 8.5 million youth across Canada.
- Holly: Introducing Yolanda to speak about Actua Canada.
- Yolanda: Actua Canada is a STEM education outreach organization. They advocate and aim to be a national voice for youth in STEM. They have STEM programs for Indigenous youth, girls and youth facing socio-economic

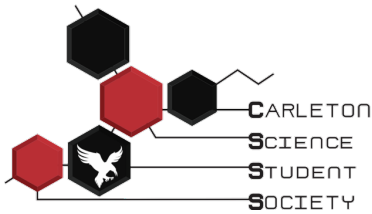


challenges. They have a network of about 40 universities and colleges across the nation. They employ 1000 university students and 1000 volunteers.

- Holly: Presenting STEM Fellowship on behalf of Tiffany. Their outreach, mentorship and experiential learning is targeted at the next generation of science inspired students. All student-driven experiential based programs for other students. They want to create a space where students can collaborate and share their ideas. This is aimed at high school and university students.
- Mackenzie: Comment on Actua. They are a huge supporter of the Virtual Ventures program at Carleton. They do a good job at introducing young kids to science, introducing young girls and indigenous youth to science. They have a lot of programs engaging indigenous youth to science.
- Millie: Virtual Ventures is a program for elementary school aged children. They come to Carleton for a week or two in the summer and learn about various topics. Very cool energy at the Virtual Ventures camp.
- Voting:
 - o Let's Talk Science – 6
 - o Actua Canada – 18
 - o STEM Fellowship – 2
- Millie: I am happy to announce that we will be donating the proceeds from the Neon Gala to Actua Canada.

Item 10. Other Business/Question Period

- a. Divestment Campaign – CUSA President Kathleen Weary
 - Currently working on the Divestment Campaign with CUSA and a few other Carleton and uOttawa groups. We are calling on the university to sell its investments in fossil fuels and invest in clean energy by 2025.
 - o Selling investment to allow social change
 - Currently speaking to as many student groups on campus as possible to spread the word about the Divestment Campaign.
 - The goal is to talk about an industry and remove the social license. We don't want the university to fund industries we don't agree with.
 - Students can make systemic change.
 - Why divestment?
 - o The climate crisis is accelerating. We need to cut down by around 50% by 2030.



- Aligns with our commitment as students and as an institution.
- Divestment is financially wise
- It aligns with Carleton's research
- Carleton claims to be a global leader in sustainability. Carleton funds research, but through investments we are also funding the lobbyists. We want Carleton to stay true to its sustainability mission.
- The green recovery from COVID-19 is underway in Canada and across the world. We believe that this is the moment that, because of COVID-19, we have a unique window of opportunity to change. This is the moment to rethink where we put our money.
- The university claims the markets will phase out fossil fuels. Fossil fuels are considered stranded assets (assets that have lost value and will never regain it).
- Endowment fund -- Some of the profit made off of investments will go into student aid. Some of student's concerns are how this will affect student aid. Student aid increases linearly year to year.
- Here today because the Divestment Campaign would like an endorsement from the Carleton Science Student Society.
- Comments and Questions:
 - Greg: Are you planning on encouraging investment in clean/renewable energy or just divestment for now?
 - Kathleen: It is a two-part request. The green investment is just as important as the divestment.

Motion to Waive the Status of Motion

- Moved by: Millie Close
- Seconded: Emilia-Nickolle
- Motion passes.

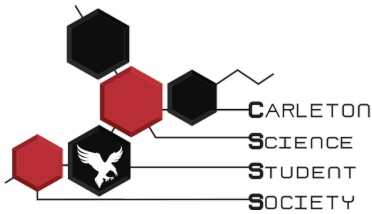
Emergency Motion to Officially Endorse the Divestment Campaign

(Notice of Motion Waved)

Presentation Summary

Whereas CUSA and Climate Action Carleton will be proposing to the Carleton University Board of Governors to divest from Fossil Fuels

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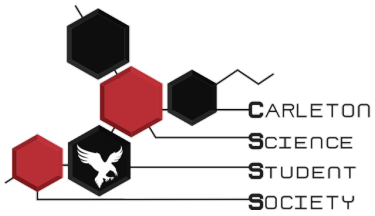
Be it resolved that the Carleton Science Student Society officially supports this campaign as a signatory on a formal letter.

- Moved by: Millie Close
- Seconded by: Sarah Ivanco
- Motion passes unanimously.

Millie: The Carleton Science Student Society officially endorses the Divestment Campaign.

b. Fundqi – CUSA President Kathleen Weary

- Received letter from CSSS about Fundqi concerns
- Context is important: Fundqi is an independent organization
- Had a few good conversations with Millie regarding the topic
- Had a meeting with Fundqi. They have committed to making some changes.
- CUSA has updated their website by adding a direct link to opt-out of Fundqi
- CUSA will be working to create more resources illustrating where student fees go, how to opt-out and opt-out dates
- CUSA and Fundqi do not have email lists so outreach is limited to social media, etc. They are working to get Carleton to communicate to the students regarding fees and opt-out periods.
- Kathleen shared the concerns during her meeting with Fundqi.
- They have committed to:
 - o Extend Winter opt-out date by two weeks
 - o Updated website to include a place where you can put your email to receive a notification to opt-out
 - o Also added a link to opt out
 - o Encourage social media posts about the opt-out process
 - o Add stats and clarity to their website -- they are committed to more transparency
- Fundqi reassured CUSA president, Kathleen, that they would be happy to attend CSSS council meetings to have a conversation.
- If you have more questions, she is happy to elaborate.
 - o Email for follow-up: pres@cusaonline.ca
 - o Fundqi contacts: brent@fundqi.com, zuberi@fundqi.com
- Side note: CUSA elections coming up, stay tuned
 - o CEO and DEOs of CUSA elections: elections@cusaonline.ca



Item 11. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn
 - Moved by: Irbaz Rehman
 - Seconded: Raven Miller
 - Motion passes.
 - 22 for. 0 against. 1 abstain.

Meeting adjourns: 7:31 PM on Monday, November 30, 2020